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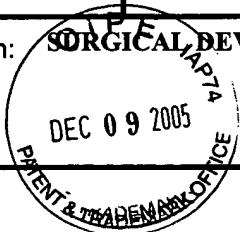
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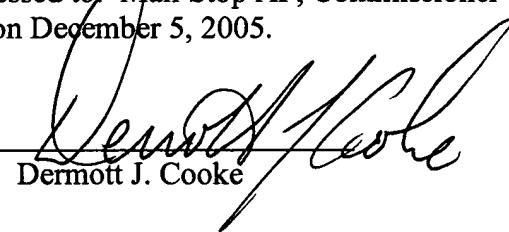
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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